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Treasurer and Tax Collector

SUBJECT: LANCASTER PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS

On April 20, 2010, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, the Board directed the Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) to report back on the evaluation of various options for maintaining the TTC's collection of property tax payments for approximately two weeks each December and April at the north County offices in Lancaster. This service was eliminated in the Chief Executive Office's (CEO) 2010-11 Proposed County Budget.

On May 14, 2010, the TTC responded to your Board with an evaluation of these options. Subsequent to the issuance of this report, and after further consultation with representatives from the Fifth Supervisorial District, we have agreed to staff the Lancaster office for the purpose of collecting property tax payments on the last two business days of both the December 2010 and April 2011 installment periods.

In an effort to notify property owners in the affected area of these service changes and of alternative payment options, we will coordinate a direct mailing to the 2,200 constituents who made property tax payments at the Lancaster office this year. As well, in conjunction with representatives from the Fifth Supervisorial District, we will coordinate the dissemination of related public service announcements with the local media.

The TTC will absorb related costs in its proposed budget.

If there are any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Joseph Kelly, Chief Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector, at (213) 974-2184.

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